

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 15, line 26, please insert the following new paragraph:

--Figure 7 depicts partial amino acid sequences corresponding to positions 76 – 105 relative to human CG1CE as shown in SEQ ID NO: 3, now SEQ ID NO: 32. SEQ ID NOs 33-48 depict the amino acid substitutions at position 85 and 93 relative to SEQ ID NO: 32 in at least 16 different species of *C. elegans*. Each of the 16 different amino acid sequences depicted in each of SEQ ID NOs: 33-48 correspond to the same position 76-105 relative to the human fragment shown in SEQ ID NO: 32. For example, with the exception of SEQ ID NO: 37, tryptophan is fairly conserved in that it occupies the same position in SEQ ID NO: 32 when compared to 15 of the 16 species of *C. elegans*. More, the amino acid at position 85 in SEQ ID NO: 32 is also very well conserved in that that all of the sequences, i.e., SEQ ID NOs: 33-48 depict the same amino acid at the same position relative to the human fragment (SEQ ID NO: 32). --